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MR. and MRS. GEORGE BENNETT

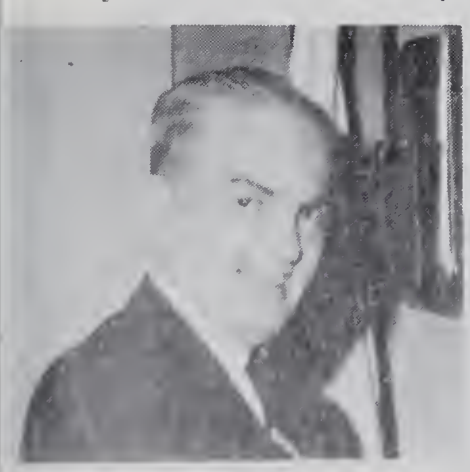
NASC OFFICERS: Left to Right, Peter B. Payne, Louis Zumwalt, C. A. Dunbar, Murray Singer, E. G. Whitehead Charles Ruby (at the microphone), Ben Williams, Richard P. Goodson, Board Members. Thelma Case, Historian; Walter Snyder, Treasurer; Peggy Borgolte, Corr. Sec'y; Ann Hall, Recording Sec'y; Karl Brainard, Vice President; Thomas H. Wood, President-Elect; George Bennett, President.

Vice President, President-Elect, & President
Karl Brainard, Tom Wood, & George Bennett

Gracie Brainard and Mrs.
Walt Snyder on the sidelines

Karl Brainard holds
his association medal
up. Lookit th'bars !

Two Secretarys, Peggy
Borgolte and Ann Hall.



Don Sherer, ANA
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Dick Yeoman,
Whitman Pub. Co.

Richard P. Goodson making his farewell speech.

Dignified Officers? Slim Dunbar, Murray Singer, E. G. Whitehead, Sr., Ben Williams, Richard Goodson, Thelma Case & Walter Snyder relax a bit for the photographer.

Paul Newell

Thelma Case, NASC's Hysterical Historian

Banquet Scene

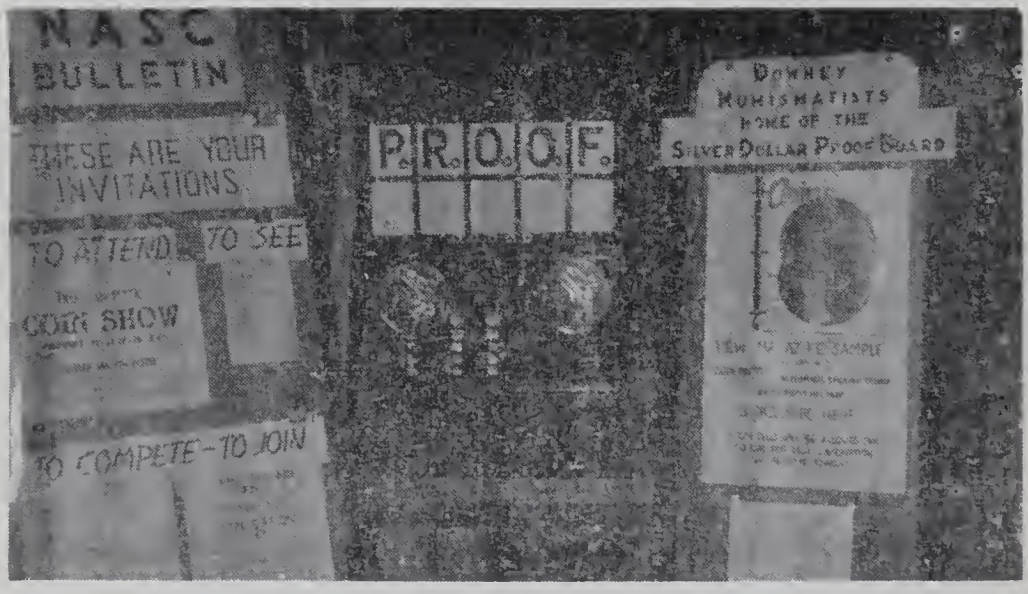
Earl G. Whitehead, Jr. and Michael Carey

DOWNEY NUMISMATISTS SPEAKS OUT !
Voiced by Art MacDonald, N. A. S. C. Representative

In defense of my fellow representatives of clubs that belong to the association, I would like to say our organization, The Downey Numismatists, is making an effort to keep N. A. S. C. before the members eyes visually and in their thoughts between meeting nights.

As representative I had noted that the most common gripe of the past and present officers of N. A. S. C. has been -- Club Representatives are Failing in Their Duty to N.A.S.C. -- The most common comment was; The last meetings I attended at that club -- not one word was said about N. A. S. C., in fact the N. A. S. C. Convention was not even mentioned. This may be true in many cases, but may I have a moment for rebuttal.

The most precious thing in a club's budget is not a monetary item, but a fleeting thing called TIME and a club's very survival depends on how that time is spent or members are lost because they don't believe in wasting their time. Due to lack of education on the reasons for N. A. S. C., some club members consider N. A. S. C. news a waste of time. To devote as much time as each individual wished to spend, we at Downey Numismatists took the approach shown in the accompanying photo.



The two easel type bulletin boards flanking our trademark - "The Silver Dollar Proof Board", are used to display club news, and N. A. S. C. news.

The N. A. S. C. Quarterly for this particular month was devoted entirely to the Statler Convention. One of the posters was flanked by the "Convention Calendar" and Program Sheet from the January issue of the Quarterly.

The lower left section bore the "Rules of Exhibit" mailed to all clubs by Paul Newell, and the regular poster and applications for N. A. S. C. membership in the lower right corner. Not visible in the

photo, but attached to each side of the board by ribbons were two copies of Peter Payne's Auction Catalog.

The President allowed me several minutes to speak and after calling attention to the new medal on the inside page of the attached catalogues, I merely noted points of interest there and spent the remainder of my time on the banquet ticket.

I am sure that a few minutes spent preparing this display was well worth the minutes of each and every person's time that would have been spent if all the available material had been read aloud to the group.

In the coming months we hope to do a lot of Progressive Education of our members on N. A. S. C. and to make them want to become members and Hear and Read of the plans and doings of N. A. S. C. and its member clubs and associations, and we hope to do it with the visual aid of our N. A. S. C. Bulletin Board.

In case I have left you wondering, "The Silver Dollar Proof Board" shown in the photo is a trademark at Downey Numismatists and works in conjunction with the door prize drawings. It pays off in Silver dollars and Proof Sets to holders of the lucky Proof Board Number.

(Editor's note - Art, we wish more club representatives would speak out. KMB)

NEW NASC SPEAKER'S LIST

NASC Speakers and Program Bureau is now preparing a new list of club speakers which will be published in the next issue of the Quarterly. This list will include the names, topics and addresses of speakers who have talked on numismatic subjects to one or more of Southern California's 45 coin clubs, and who are available for an occasional talk to other coin clubs.

Suggestions of candidates for this new list will be welcomed by the NASC Speakers and Program Bureay, and NASC clubs and members are urged to send in the names and addresses of speakers who have delivered an interesting and instructive talk at their local clubs or conducted an outstanding numismatic program, so that these speakers and programs may be included in the new NASC list and enjoyed by other clubs. Each speaker will be personally contacted by the NASC Bureau before their names will be included in the new list. Names and suggestions should be mailed to Charles M. Johnson, Chairman, NASC Speakers and Program Bureau, 3521 Vista Street, Long Beach, California

THE PILLAR DOLLAR

by Kenneth H. Young, Compton CC Rep.

The proper name for the pillar dollar is 8 Reales. I was also known as the "Spanish milled dollar," "pieces of eight," el duros", and to the Chinese in pidgin English as "dollars Mex".

It is one of the most interesting of numismatic subjects. The pillar dollar has influnced the history of Europe and the Orient as well as that of North and South America.

In 1765 Canada passed a law making it compulsory to accept the Spanish milled dollar. These coins were counterstamped G.R. by the Canadian government.

From 1800 to 1821 all eight reale pieces issued in Spain were minted in Mexico City.

Early U.S. Continental notes usually promised to pay in "Spanish milled Dollars". The coin was recognized as legal tender in the U. S. until 1857. At that time it was demonetized by an act of Congress. No other foreign coin has had that distinction in this country.

China was self-contained in those days. They produced every commodity necessary for their way of life, except enough silver. Therefore the only item the early Occidental traders had that the Chinese merchants would unhesitatingly accept were silver dollars, and the dollars of Mexico were always preferred, because the weight and the purity of the metal was always of a high standard. All contracts between the traders and the merchants specified payment in "dollars Mex".

There are three types of pillar dollars. First, the crude round pieces with Doric pillars (unadorned columns), with a figure 8 between and waves below. Issued by Carolus II in 1683. The reverse has a quartered Spanish shield.

The second type is much superior in composition and workmanship. The edge has a braided design called the "Spanish milled edge". On the obverse are two ornate columns with a scroll on each. The inscriptions on the scrolls are in Latin. On the left pillar, PLUS on the right, ULTRA. The literal translations is "The highest of aristocracy." Two globes appear between the coumns, below them are the waves of the ocean. Above the globes is the Royal Crown of Spain, signifying that Spain had conquered both hemispheres and ruled the seas. The pillars are the pillars of Hercules, or the "pillars of strength". One represents the Rock of Gibralter, the other the coast of Morocco. Mythology informs us that Hercules traveled west to the Straits of Gibralter and warned all men not to go farther, because beyond was the end of the world, from which no man could return. The reverse of the coin is the quartered shield topped by the Royal Crown.

The third type has the portrait of the King on the obverse and the

oric pillars, shield and crown on the reverse, with a peculiar edge esign of alternating squares and circles. The three kings portrayed re Carolus III, Carolus IV, and Ferdinand VII. The artistic value f the balanced designs and the exquisite workmanship of the last vo types make them of outstanding numismatic beauty.

One theory of the origin of the dollar sign is that the scroll on he right pillar forms a letter S, and the sides of the pillar repre- ents the perpendicular lines. Another theory - the Spainards ab- reviated eight reales thus /8/, which evolved into $. The Posti, olivia mint abbreviated eight reales P. S. If one superimposes the vo letters, take away the curve in the P, add a straight line, the ollar sign would appear.

The dollar sign has never been officially adopted by the U. S. Gov- rnment and no eighteenth or nineteenth century writer has recorded hy information about its origin.

The first coins struck in the Western hemisphere were four re- les by Carolus and Joanna in 1536 at Mexico City Mint. Shortly fterward, eight reales were coined. These were succeeded by obs' - rough irregular shaped coins. There were more than two illion eight reales coined by all six mints in New Spain, as the merican colonies were called.

There are six denominations the 8, 4, 2, 1, 1/2 and 1/4 reales. he dollars were plentiful but there was an acute shortage of small hange. The ingenious conquistadors merely cut them into eight qual parts. Each segment represented one reale and was called a it. Hence two-bits, four-bits and six-bits were six-eights of a ollar.

It has been estimated that there were more than two million of hese dollars in circulation in the southwest U. S. in the late 19th entury.

Spanish coins of the American colonies are an interesting series o collect. There are many types of gold and silver coins. Copper oins of the early colonies are scarce. There are six mints and ix denominations spread over a period of almost three hundred ears. Most of these coins are available to the ambitious collector, hey make a very interesting and satisfying project.

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THOMAS H. WOOD

NUMISMATIC PERSONALITIES

Thomas H. Wood was born August 21, 1904 in the village of Lake Placid in the Adirondack mountains of New York State. He is the third of six children, and attended the local grade and high schools.

During his formative years he was kept busy working at odd jobs in order to supplement the family income and at 14 he became the projectionist for the local theatre and remained in this capacity until October 1922, when he came to California.

Due to circumstances beyond his control he was unable to obtain employment in his chosen field so he accepted a position with the Los Angeles County Road Department, assisting on a survey party in the location and construction of local highways. In 1933 Tom became interested in the advantages offered by the City of Los Angeles and entered the Fire Service, where he remains today, in a supervisory capacity.

Around this time, he became interested in an exceptionally personable girl and after serious consideration, Jeanne and he were married and became the parents of three fine boys, Harlan R. age 23, now in the Army statione at Fairbanks, Alaska, Barry G., 20, in his Junior year at Occidental College, specializing in Music and Peter J. Wood, 18, now attending Valley Junior College.

Tom's numismatic interest was sharpened when he tried to get the boys interested in saving money instead of spending it and they have gone the route with the Blue Books, Cents to Dollars, with only Barry and Dad still active due to the pressure exerted while attempting to finance school and other activities.

While his main interest is U. S. coins, he feels he must confess to being a collector of Guns, Cast Iron Banks and old Clocks.

Those of us that know him know the great pleasure he recieves from giving service to various coin clubs and in particular to the N. A. S. C., where he is now President Elect.

(Editor's note - we are indebted to Tom for the fine work he has done in helping the N. A. S. C. attain the nation's TOP yearly convention. KMB)

Minutes of the Business Meeting
NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
Sierra Room, Hotel Statler
February 24, 1962

Meeting called to order by President Richard P. Goodson at 10:30 am.

Minutes of the January Board Meeting read and approved.

Mr. Goodson introduced Mr. John Sears of San Francisco, Calif. representing N. C. N. A. which is trying to organize and function on the order of the N. A. S. C. They are holding their first Convention at the Jack Tar Hotel, San Francisco, September 7-8-9, 1962, invited all to attend !

Mr. Goodson also introduced Mr. Don Scherer, acting secretary of A. N. A., and Lou Werner, Sgt. at Arms, also of ANA.

Treasurer's report, incomplete as far as expenditures and income concerning the Convention, reported balance of $12,771.20.

COMMITTEES

CORR. SEC'Y - Carolyn Olson reported we have 559 members as of February 24, 1962.

BOURSE - Slim Dunbar - Scheduled for eighty dealers and finally accomodated ninety-five.

BANQUET - Peggy Borgolte - Very successful, 235 tickets sold, 42 more requested, will get final total at time of banquet.

EXHIBITS - Paul Newell - Reported we have 59 exhibits.

AUCTION - Peter Payne - Comments: TERRIFIC !

JUDGES - John Stoppelwerth - remarked it was a tough job getting anyone to work in that capacity.

PUBLICITY - Harold Donald - No comments outside of the fact that the papers gave us good coverage.

QUARTERLY - Karl Brainard - Before Karl could say anything, our President asked for a round of applause for the tremendous job Karl had done, not only for the Quarterly but also on the success of the first breakfast of the N. A. S. C.

REGISTRATION - Clay Read - Tom Wood reported for Clay Read, as of 9:00 A. M. February 24, 1962, we had 911 paid and 1463 free registrations.

SPEAKERS BUREAU - Chas. Johnson - Asked for help on getting out new list of speakers and programs available.

NASC Business Meeting Minutes - Con't

RIBBONS AND SIGNS - Murray Singer - Was given special recognition from our President and also Peter Payne for the fringe on ribbons.

EXHIBIT AWARDS - N. A. S. C. "Lucky Seventh" Convention

Group 1 - U. S. and FOREIGN GOLD ONLY
1st Award - Lewis J. Upton, Jr.
2nd Award - Mrs. Anthony Miller

Group 2 - ALL US COINS - SETS - PROOFS - TYPES - ETC.
1st Award - Sylvia Novak
2nd Award - Joe Friend
3rd Award - G. Jon Hanson

Group 3 - U. S. CURRENCY
1st Award - C. M. Wedertz
2nd Award - LeRoy E. Myers
3rd Award - Jon D. Sears

Group 4 - FOREIGN CURRENCY
1st Award - Hal Woolway
2nd Award - Rudy Gjurovich

Group 5 - MODERN FOREIGN COINS
1st Award - W. D. Koonce
2nd Award - B. W. Tatlow
3rd Award - Louis Zumwalt

Group 6 - MEDIEVAL COINS
1st Award - Joseph Goodyear

Group 7 - ANCIENT COINS
1st Award - Joel L. Malter
2nd Award - Gene L. Henry
3rd Award - Joseph Goodyear

Group 8 - MEDALS AND MEDALLIC ART
1st Award - W. D. Koonce
2nd Award - Robert Axelrod
3rd Award - Clay Read

Group 9 - MINT ERRORS - COINS AND CURRENCY
(No Entries)

Group 10 - UNUSUAL MEDIA OF EXCHANGE
1st Award - Thelma M. Case
2nd Award - Jim Betton

Group 11 - SPECIALIZED
1st Award - Carolyn Nestrick
2nd Award - Elizabeth L. Case
3rd Award - Alvin Brizzard

Group 12 - CLUB DISPLAYS
1st Award - S. I. N.
2nd Award - Pillars
3rd Award - SCANS

Group 13 - PROFESSIONALS (DEALERS, ETC.)
1st Award - Stanley Rupert
2nd Award - Ethel R. Stone
3rd Award - Pauline Ney

BEST IN SHOW AWARD
W. D. Koonce

BREAKFAST AT THE STATLER
"Dick" Goodson's Brainchild - Karl M. Brainard, M. C.

Eighty people were served at the first breakfast given by the N. A. .C. This breakfast was given by the organization to show its appreciation and promote friendship among the officers and representtives.

Karl Brainard again asked that the clubs participate in sending news nd articles concerning their activities, which will make the Quarerly a more interesting publication and the Editor's job an easier ne.

Mr. Brainard introduced Richard P. Goodson, President, who poke of the history of the N. A. S. C. and the progress which we have nade. He thanked all the officers and representatives for their help nd co-operation in making his year a success and apologized for ot being able to get to all the clubs during the year because of illess and hoped it would be possible to do so this year.

The M. C. introduced President-Elect George Bennett and the past residents, officers, board members and committee members. A pecial guest, Mr. Dick Yeoman made a few very nice remarks about ur organization and added that he was happy to be a part of it.

A very nice breakfast was enjoyed by all !
Ann Hall, Recording Secretary

PORTRAIT OF A ROMAN EMPEROR
by Harold Donald

NERO
(Nero Claudius Caesar Drusus)
54 - 68 A. D.

Due to the story about Nero "fiddling" while Rome burned, he is probably the most known of the Roman Emperors today.

On the death of emperor Claudius in 54 A. D., Nero inherited the throne of Rome as the step-son and legal heir to the Roman Empire. Since Nero was only seventeen at the time, his mother, Aggripina, managed most of his affairs of state. As time passed however, Nero became quarrelsome with his mother and eventually had her poisoned in the year 59 A. D.

Nero was gifted with a wonderful voice and ability to play the lyre. On many occasions he entered singing contests and usually came out on top. He was interested in the fine arts and could read and speak Greek

Contrasting his few virtues, were his cruel, rowdyish and brutal disposition. At times, he would go out with his friends and break into shops at night and steal articles that he would auction off at his own miniature market place set up on the palace grounds. He would rob individuals that happened his way and stab to death anyone offering resistance.

Nero was a spendthrift and squandered money to the point of bankruptcy. He would not wear the same clothes twice. His lavish banquets began to last from noon to midnight. When he went fishing, he used a golden net strung with purple and scarlet thread.

Horses were Nero's main interest since childhood. He would sometimes participate in chariot races; and in one, he drove a ten horse team. Many coins of Nero show him on a beautiful mount.

In the year 64 A. D. Nero was responsible for setting a great fire in Rome which lasted for six days and seven nights. He sang and played the lyre and was enraptured by the "beauty of the flames". Afterward, he blamed the fire on the Christians whom he proceeded to punish.

The citizens of Rome became resentful of heavy taxes and Nero's activities. The senate, under pressure from the people and revolting armies marching towards Rome, proclaimed Nero a public enemy and issued an order for his arrest. Nero fully realizing the tortuous death that would befall him if captured fled with a few companions. When he heard that his pursuers were about to overcome him he, with the assistance of his scribe, committed suicide by thrusting a dagger in his throat!

Nero had three wives. His first, Octavia he divorced; his second, Poppaea, he kicked to death; and his third, Stilia Messalina outlived him. He had only one child, by his second wife, who died in infancy.

During Nero's fifteen year reign from 54 to 68 A.D. many thousands of portrait coins were struck in gold, silver and bronze. The bronze Sesterius (about half dollar size) shows an especially high degree of engraving skill. Nero's portrait is unmistakable; even when his name has been completely worn away, his profile will identify the coin.

Nero's burning desire for immortal fame made him change the month of April to "Neroneus"; and Rome was about to be changed to "Neropolis" - neither were accepted for long.

It is an odd stroke of fate that numismatics should be the dominant media to fulfill Nero's immortality.

TO THE STATLER HILTON HOTEL STAFF
A Letter of Thanks

For the last five years our N. A. S. C. Conventions have been held at the Statler Hilton Hotel. Each year Steve Sherrill has been the fine Hotel's representative who has arranged and detailed the rooms and equipment or service to be used for each event. The hotel employees carry out the services detailed by Steve, and everything runs so smoothly that few people attending the convention realize that these things don't "just happen". That a lot of planning has gone into this smooth operation. That efficient hands have quietly prepared to make each function run like clockwork.

For all of this, I say Thank you, Steve, and all of the employees of the Statler Hilton who do so much to make our conventions bigger and better each year. -- Richard P. Goodson, Retiring President.

COMING EVENTS

President Paul Hamm of the Southern California Exonumist Society has appointed Mr. and Mrs. John R. Parrish to serve as General Chairmen for the forthcoming meeting to be held on Sunday, May 6th, from 9:00 AM to 6:30 PM in the North American Recreation Auditorium, 3353 West Imperial. The meeting will be open to all interested persons. There will be many interesting and educational exhibits. An auction and bourse will round out the day-long event.

There is plenty of free parking, and refreshments will be available.

Joy Parrish, Medals Chmn, SCES

WALTER T. SNYDER

NUMISMATIC PERSONALITIES

Walter Thomas Snyder was born at Maderia, Ohio, and attended schools there and in Cincinnati. He is from a line of large families and this has proved to be quite profitable for him in his chosen hobby - U. S. Coins of all kinds.

Walter's family moved to Los Angeles when he was a teenager, and he claims he is glad that he came along. He has been with United Parcel and other delivery fims, and now a dispatch clerk in the Special Delivery Section of Los Angeles Post Office for the past twenty years.

He tells us that he really never knew how much fun there was in this little old world until he found the world of coins. This was by chance, as he had always felt that money was to be put into circulation to good use, having a wife, three daughters and nine grandchildren. They all keep him hustling as his interest in coins has "rubbed off" on each one in varying degrees.

A friend from Victorville asked Walter to go to the C. S. N. A. Convention at Long Beach several years ago, from then on Walt was hooked! He says that when a dealer offered Mac "eighteen" for a handful of shiny Indian Head and Lincoln cents in two plastic holders, and he found out that he meant $1800.00 he wondered who was crazy. Walt decided it must have been himself for not starting to collect sooner. His good friend, Russ Snyder, has helped him immensely with his words of wisdom and advise and has gotten him started on his way.

Walter never misses a chance to return and ramsack old family homes of his wife and his in Illinois and Ohio to find all the coins most families save. One interesting and typical incident of the small town is about a cousin leaving a paper bag with some currency as well as gold coins tied on a door knob overnight for him, which was perfectly safe.

Gone are the hundred bee hives and the carefree life, as Walter belongs to more than a dozen coin clubs, and attends many of them every month. He is Treasurer of N. A. S. C., President of Los Angeles Coin Club, and Vice President of San Fernando Valley Coin Club this year. A confirmed numismatist and enjoying every minute of it!

I AM A COIN

by Mel Kohl, N. A. S. C. 323

And you say, just what kind of a coin are you and what part of world do you represent? Well, I was born in the minds of men o had great need of me, and in designing me they were very care- to emphasize the glorious history of the country I was to repre- nt. I proudly state I am an American coin, my heritage began as part of the United States of America.

Throughout the world people of every land trust and honor me, they know my worth.

I have existed many years and unquestionably have served with stinction all who have possessed me.

Yes, my design has been changed from time to time and a few my counterparts have been preserved in mint condition such as nce was. My mint associates who have been preserved for pos- rity have no worries as they have existed in luxury, having been alously protected and cared for by mankind. It is I who is wor- ed for now I will tell you what kind of a coin I am.

First I am an average circulated coin. I am really one of many pes. I could be an early American half-cent, a large cent or per- ps an Indian Head cent. I could be an early Buffalo Nickel, or tter still, I may even be a Lincoln cent. You ask why couldn't I a larger coin -say a half-dollar or a silver dollar? Some people ll me a cart-wheel (I really don't care for that name), or may- I could have been a beautiful $20.00 gold coin.

I am one of the small coins and I really don't buy much with my orth, but I have the distinction of being exceptionally popular as most everybody seeks my company, especially collectors of coins. ow I am always happy and sometimes a bit flattered to be a part a coin collection. But woe is me, for here is the sad part of my xistence. Some collectors secure me and I am sure I have made em happy, but then comes the time when they replace me with a etter coin and I am sold or traded to someone else.

Most people who are interested in me as a collectors item are ncere about the manner in which they grade me. However some re careless or incosiderate of my true grade. This humiliates e and reflects against my possessor.

It has been said by people who grade me fairly that if I am not xtremely fine then the most I can be is very fine and if questionable bout being very fine then I can only be fine, or most likely only very ood and in some instances just good, so honor me with my true con- ition and in turn I will bring confidence and popularity to you among our fellow numismatists.

Remember, I am your hobby and pleasure and my glorious his- ry is forever present in my beauty. Don't misrepresent me and will never bring mistrust to you.

MISSING

PETER B. PAYNE

Peter B. Payne of San Bernardino, California, left home the morning of March 8th at 8 A. M. He arrived at the bank at 10:00 A. M. and withdrew $2,000.00. He had told his wife he was paying a debt with this money. This was the last that was seen or heard of Mr. Payne.

On the morning of the 9th in Eagle Rock, 60 miles from San Bernadino (a surburb of Los Angeles), a resident noticed that a car had been parked in front of her house part of the preceeding day (the 8th). On the 10th she complained to the police department. This proved to be Mr. Payne's car. It was subsequently picked up and returned to San Bernardino on the 15th.

An All Points Bulletin has been issued by the San Bernardino police, because Mr. Payne is diabetic and his supply of insulin, along with his driver's license, was left at home.

We fear because of the large amount of money he carried, foul play may have entered into his disappearance.

Mr. Payne was the Auctioneer at our recent "Lucky 7th" convention and as such, a great many details are yet to be settled. In contacting Mrs. Payne, she stated that all merchandise that was not sold is locked in their vault, pending release to the proper owners. She hopes with the assistance of a friend or two, she will carry on the details of the NASC Auction to its completion, or until Mr. Payne returns.

A QUICK LOOK AT THE LUCKY 7TH
by Naomi Wilson

As we registered for the convention, we recieved the customary name badge and ribbon, plus a small plastic badge with the NASC in a circle with the year 1962 in the center. This was the method used for the free registration. We hope it is repeated at future conventions. Being an enthusiastic collector of advertising buttons and badges (among other things), naturally I'm all for the NASC buttons. Another new item of the convention was the Association medals. These beautiful silver medals are made in such a manner that bars may be added for each year you attend the convention.

Unfortunately for us, we were late comers to the convention. (Didn't get to go 'till late Saturday afternoon). We found the bourse room packed to the rafters with people looking for things to buy, and many dealers virtually sold out. Dealers were there from near and far, and had come well stocked, but the buying public had literally bulled out the stops. Our local dealers were fortunate to be able to return to their places of business to restock - some did, more than once! From all reports, this was the "buyingest" convention ever held.

While we wandered around through the bourse room, noted the well-known names on the bourse dealer's signs. NASC lures the high and the mighty, as well it should. Speaking of bourse dealer's signs, as we scanned the array, we were given to wonder just how long the NASC had been saving theirs. There were large ones, small ones, long ones, short ones, white ones and yellow ones. Quite a variety, and quite noticeable. (Editor's note - All old bourse signs have been discarded!)

The banquet accomodated a huge crowd and from our vantage point, we saw no empty spaces. The ceremonies were conducted with a great deal of decorum, spiced with an undercurrent of gaiety and bits of verbal horseplay. We watched the new faces take their places with the familiar ones down the roll call of officers and directors. Comments have reached us regarding the lengthy ceremonies, but we were unaware of such - to busy trying to keep the camera loaded and fingers crossed that the flash batteries stayed charged. Door prizes were two large floral sprays on the officers table. The winner of the first spray requested that it be auctioned to the highest bidder and the proceeds be given to the Lewis Regan Fund. NASC President George Bennett handled the job of auctioning - a chore at which he excells. The second spray was sent by the winner to one of the NASC members who spent the convention in the hospital.

One of the bright spots of the banquet was the recognition of Michael Carey, NASC and ANA'S oldest member, and Earl Glen Whitehead, Jr., NASC's youngest member. A rousing round of applause was heard when Mr. Carey was introduced, and another was heard when Earl, Jr. joined him.

By the time I made it 'round to the exhibits, many had been removed, but enough remained to make me realize I had missed something special by not seeing them earlier in the day.

Though the bourse room was always crowded and dealers were beginning to pack up and go their weary ways, I managed to squeeze a few more pieces into the medal chest (more than I had anticipated).

We made our way home Saturday night through one of California's "heavy dews" (An army duck is the safest way to travel here recently) and returned Sunday morning to see the final day of the "Lucky 7th". A lot of activity was going on. Many dealers had left Saturday evening, but the remainder were still busy. The bourse room was still packed to the rafters - long after the gentle (?) reminders of "Slim" Dunbar's to clear the bourse room.

So another NASC convention is written in the history book. No one person can claim the honors for its undeniable success. No one group can claim its success. The honors and acclaim belong to all the persons who attended and participated. Each purchaser contributed a little to its success. Each officer and member contributed their small bit to its success. Without each of the approximately 5000 members and guests that registered and the 95 dealers who sold their wares, the "Lucky Seventh" would have been nothing.

(Total paid registration was 1,342. Estimated free registration was 4,000 - 5,000. Editor)

CLUB NEWS

BAY CITIES COIN CLUB elected the following officers at their annual banquet meeting. President, Lewis Upton; Vice President, W. A. Stanley; Treasurer, Millicent Fishel; Secretary, Carolyn Nestrick. Board of Governors; Grace Brainard, Larry Morton, Max Wedertz. Ben Bieringer was presented with a placque for outstanding service as our president in 1961 at the meeting in January. A talk on Tokens of England, given by Jim Betton, Jr., proved quite interesting and thought provoking. He mentioned that there are 70,000 different varieties of English tokens making an extremely large field for anyone to collect. Prices are fairly moderate at the present time; and if they are compared to number of coins minted, they might be called cheap. Many of the varieties only had a few hundred minted, yet are quite accessible. England started making tokens in the 11th century. In 1842 they were called in and exchanged at half face value. Millions of tokens were turned in which cost the Bank of England a considerable amount of money. Numismatic speculators bought up a large percentage of these tokens at this time which is one reason why so many nice specimens are available today.

--- Carolyn Nestrick, Corresponding Secretary.

TRANSPORTATION COIN CLUB's February meeting was held in the French Room of the Alexandria Hotel.

Over 50 members were present and heard an interesting talk by President C. H. Cantrell on the history of the Lincoln and Indian head cents and the Spanish milled dollar.

One of the happiest members was Kenny Moore, who won the door prize of a $5.00 gold piece. Another was Mrs. Louise Pateman, who recieved felicitations from the Club when they sang happy birthday to her.

Guests included Mel Kohl, John Pruitt, Bill Atkinson, Irving G. Foster, Mrs. John Toombs and Joseph Coates.

COMPTON COIN CLUB's February meeting was held at the Compton Community Center in Compton. It was gratifying to the organization to learn from our secretary, Betty Borchardt, that we have one hundred and one paid and active members.

An interesting and educational lecture was given by Ernest Hood of Culver City Coin Club.

The ladies of the Compton Coin Club compete every month to see who can bake the best cake to serve with our coffee.

The door prizes were seven interesting items, including a $5.00 gold piece and a ticket to the N. A. S. C. banquet.

Compton Coin Club Representative, Kenneth H. Young, 3125 Mariquita Street, Long Beach 3, California.

MONROVIA - COVINA Coin-O-Rama, Sunday March 18, 1962, Monrovia Elks Club, Monrovia, California. The judging of the exhibits was the first event of the day. Best of Show Award went to Harvey Rose of San Diego for his excellent exhibit of Coins of Mexico. The exhibit included copper, silver and gold coins.

First award in the Paper Money division was presented to LeRoy Myers of Pomona. First award in the Medallion division went to G. A. Ayers. First award in the Token division went to Ty Nagel of Covina for his exhibit of Civil War Tokens. Frank Strauss of Monrovia recieved the first award for his exhibit of Civil War Coins and Currency. Amos House of La Verne received first award for his exhibit of Mint Errors. Charles Culver of San Bernardino Coin Club recieved first award for his exhibit of U. S. Gold Coins.

There were thirty-four bourse tables with dealers represented from as far away as San Diego.

Over 1,000 visitors signed the guest registry.

"Mel" Melton of the Covina Coin Club was general chairman, assisted by Frank Strauss, Exhibit Chairman; Virgil Cook, Treasurer; Boyce Montjoy, Publicity Chairman; Amos House; Dick Aster and many others from both clubs.

Dorothy Brower, Secretary, Monrovia Coin Club.

(Editor's note - Two fine coin clubs - hope they join NASC!)

SAN LUIS OBISPO COIN - O - RAMA

The Central Coast Coin Club of San Luis Obispo will present its second annual Coin-O-Rama on Saturday and Sunday, July 21-22 at the Veterans Memorial Building.

General Chairman Herb Hanrion reports the bourse with 50 tables available, will be chairmanned by Bill Stermo. Knud Clausen will handle displays and a three session auction will be held, with Frank Roza, Jr. as auctioneer.

President Bill Sexton reports plenty of first class motels and cafes within a two block radius, and for those who like sightseeing, Pismo beach and Morro Bay are only 10 minutes away, and the Hearst Castle about a 40 minute drive.

For bourse applications or other information write to Central Coast Coin Club, Box 182, San Luis Obispo, California.

Bill Erdman, NASC Representative.

WEST VALLEY COIN CLUB's February program featured group discussions. Eldon Stephens, Vice President and Program Chairman assigned the following to head the groups: Warren Overlin, General U. S. Coins; Paul Newell, Ancients, Foreign and Unusual Media of Exchange; Harold Donald, Beginners.

Many members feel these various groups, which form circles for discussion serve individual interest better. West Valley Coin Club inauguarated these discussions several years ago and they have proven quite successful.

Those attending the March 25th meeting had the pleasure of listening to A. E. Nicholson, a well-known numismatist, on counterfieting. In addition the program included a quality auction, a free $10.00 gold piece drawing, and birthday cake - for this was West Valley Coin Club's 7th Birthday ! -- Harold Donald, Corresponding Secretary.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ANCIENT NUMISMATIC SOCIETY's March meeting was held in the Washinton Room at the Statler Hotel, Los Angeles.

Roe Reidenbach, a numismatist of long standing, gave an inspiring talk on "The Art of Ancient Coins." He pointed out the advantages of collecting Historical Greek and Roman Coins for Art's sake.

Collectors of Ancient coins interested in belonging to SCANS should direct their enquiries to Dale Sigler, Secretary, 19532 Calvert, Reseda, California

GARDEN GROVE COIN CLUB started off the New Year with a banquet at the Imperial Restaruant in Garden Grove. This marked the first year that the G. G. C. C. "went out to dine," rather than the pot-luck at the regular meeting hall. The new idea was well accepted for there were 80 people to partake of a most sumptious repast.

The choral group of the Santa Ana Senior Citizens provided a most entertaining half-hour program, consisting of a variety of songs. Considering the ages of the members of the group, one man was 84 years of age, and had a voice with an outstanding and powerful "boom". Their show brought a resounding applause from the members of the club and their guests.

The program was followed by the installation of officers for the year of 1962, being properly and duly installed by Joe Steele. Fred Rushton, President; Claude Thomas, V. P.; Richard Elliott, Sec.; B. L. Phillipps, Treas.; and the Board of Directors - Bruce Swischelm, Clive Knight, J. Y. Dannenberg, Capt. USN (Ret.), David Spero, and Eric Payne.

After the installation came the drawing for the thirty-odd door prizes, all uncirculated and proof, which brought broad smiles to many holding the lucky tickets. This brought to a close a very pleasant evening for members and guests.

The February meeting occured on the first evening of the N. A. S. C. convention, which accounted for fewer members than usual attending the meeting. The new president announced that an attendance prize would be given each meeting henceforth for the lucky member whose name was drawn from the hat. This is an idea that seems to be growing, as this writer has observed in covering several club meetings.

The directors meetings are a highlight of the month by being held in a private room at a restaurant, where over dinner the business of the club is discussed and carried on. Much numismatic information is exchanged and a showing of numismatic items enjoyed.

William O. Wisslead, Club Representative to NASC

PICO RIVERA COIN CLUB held its February meeting at their new location at the Continental Savings Bldg., 9125 E. Whittier Blvd., Pico Rivera. Meeting dates have been changed to the 4th Tuesday of each month.

The board of governors voted that two bourse tables will be at the meetings regularly (Ed. Wirth and Al Corrillo), and Bob Davis will be honorary, setting up a bourse table when he is able to do so. Anyone else wishing to have a bourse table must make an application to the chairman of the board (Wendle Markham); it will then be voted on at the following board meeting.

Everyone at the last meeting paid their 1962 dues and the attendance prize was taken away. Remember you are eligible for the attendance prize ONLY if your 1962 dues are paid, so be sure to pay them at the next meeting. -- Paul Schymos, President.

TORRANCE COIN CLUB's thirteenth meeting was called to order by Vice president Wayne Dennis, in the absence of the President, Richard Goodson.

The club had a minute of silence for Lewis Regan, ANA Secretary, and one of their charter members, Russell Dykes.

All 130 members and guests enjoyed the forty minute talkie film, "Lets Take a Trip" from the Medallic Arts Company of New York. The film was most interesting and very educational as it was a tour through the company, showing how medals are made.

75 members and 15 guests were present at the 14th meeting and the person traveling the most distance to the meeting was S. M. Durrett, from Tulsa Coin Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mr. Durrett also won the five dollar gold piece.

Mr. Bill Day was Guest speaker. Mr. Day showed narrative slides about different safes and their construction. The narrator pointed out different items one should look for when purchasing either a money or file safe. Mr. Day was presented a "Certificate of Appreciation".

Virginia Dennis, Corresponding Sec'y

NORTH AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY of Downey, California. The February meeting was called to order by President Marv Goldstock, with approximately 48 members and guest present.

Lloyd Glancy gave the treasurers report, and President Goldstock reported on the Board of Govenors meeting held in regards to rules for junior members being admitted to our Club.

Lou Zumwalt introduced Ken Young as our guest speaker, who gave an interesting talk on Ancient Chinese Coins. -- J. N. Kay.

NORTH AMERICAN STAMP AND COIN CLUB, (Los Angeles. Mr. Sol Alexander of Long Beach, California was the featured speaker at the March meeting. Mr. Alexander is one of Southern California's foremost numismatists, and presents his gold coins of Mexico to compliment the educational discussion. Our meetings are open to all interested persons, and convene at 7:30 pm., 5353 W. Imperial Highway

Announcement has been made by the club president of the silver award presented to Mrs. Joy Parrish for her article on tokens that was published in the Feb. 23rd issue of COIN WORLD.

--- JOY PARRISH, Secretary

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The Numismatic Association of Southern California is an organization founded for the purpose of bringing together local Coin Clubs in an Annual Convention. Attend a Club. The following clubs in Southern California are member clubs of N. A. S. C.

BAKERSFIELD COIN CLUB
2904 Berger St., Bakersfield
1st & 3rd Tuesday

BAY CITIES COIN CLUB
Douglas Rec. Hall, Ocean Park
near 25th St., Santa Monica
4th Thursday, 8 P. M.

CENTRAL COAST COIN CLUB
L. D. E. S. Hall
Mill St., San Luis Obispo
4th Monday, 8 P. M.

COMPTON COIN CLUB
Lueders Park, Compton
3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

CONVAIR POMONA COIN CLUB
1675 W. 5th St., Pomona
2nd Friday, 7:30 P. M.

CULVER CITY COIN CLUB
Culver City Women's Club
3825 Watseka Avenue
2nd Thursday, 8:P. M.

DATE EMPIRE COIN CLUB
Security Bank Club Room
Indio
3rd Saturday, 7:30 P. M.

DESERT COIN PROSPECTORS CLUB
Irwin Elementary School
Mojave St., Victorville
1st Monday, 7:30 P. M.

DOUGLAS NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
Douglas Rec. Hall
Paramount Ent., Long Beach
2nd Tuesday, 7 P. M.

DOWNEY NUMISMATISTS
Downey Women's Club
9813 S. Paramount Blvd.
1st Wednesday, 8 P. M.

EAST LOS ANGELES COIN CLUB
5335 E. Beverly Blvd.
K of C Hall, Los Angeles
3rd Monday, 8 P. M.

49'er COIN CLUB
Lynwood Community Center
Bullis Rd. & Century Blvd.
2nd Wednesday, 7 P. M.

HUGHES COIN CLUB
1216 E. Imperial, El Segundo
1st Sunday, 7:30 P. M.

FONTANA UNITED NUMIS SOCIETY
Steel Workers Hall, Sierra Ave.
2nd Friday, 7 P. M.

GARDEN GROVE COIN CLUB
Grange Hall, Taft & Century
4th Thursday, 7:30 P. M.

GLENDALE COIN CLUB
Tuesday Afternoon Club
400 No. Central Ave.
3rd Monday, 8 P. M.

IDYLLWILD COIN CLUB
Idyllhoff Hall-Idyllwild
1st Saturday, 7:30 P. M.

LAKEWOOD COIN CLUB
Simon Bolivar Park Rec. Bldg.
Downey Ave. & Del Amo Blvd.
4th Tuesday, 8 P. M.

LAWNDALE COIN CLUB
119th St. & Aviation Blvd.
Hawthorne,
3rd Sunday, 2: P. M.

LONG BEACH COIN CLUB
Long Beach Rec. Center
350 E. Ocean Blvd.
1st Tuesday, 8 P. M.

LOS ANGELES COIN CLUB
Foresters Hall
1329 S. Hope St., Los Angeles
1st Friday, 8 P. M.

MONTEREY PARK COIN CLUB
440 S. McPherrin, Monterey Pk.
4th Friday, 8 P. M.

NORTH AMERICAN AVIA. STAMP & COIN CLUB
Rec. Bldg., 5353 W. Imperial
1st Monday, 7 P. M.

NORTH AMERICAN NUMIS. SOCIETY
Recreation Center
Woodruff Ave., Downey
3rd Tuesday, 7:30 P. M.

NORWALK CALIFORNIA COIN CLUB
Norwalk Woman's Club
10751 E. Imperial Hwy
1st Monday, 7:30 P. M.

WHITTIER COIN CLUB
210 E. Philadelphia St., Whittier
2nd Friday, 8 P. M.

PICO-RIVERA COIN CLUB
Continental Savings Bldg.
9125 E. Whittier Blvd, Pico-Ri
4th Tuesday, 8 P. M.

"PILLARS LIMITED"
3800 Valhalla Drive, Burbank
3rd Wednesday, 8 P. M.

POMONA VALLEY COIN CLU
172 W. Monterey Avenue
1st Saturday, Pomona

ROCKATOMIC NUMIS. SOCIET
7800 Fallbrook, Canoga Park
4th Monday, 7:30 P. M.

SAN BERNARDINO COIN CLUB
1510 W. Highland, K of C Hall
San Bernardino
3rd Thursday, 7:30 P. M.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COIN CLUB
3rd & Magnolia, Burbank
2nd Monday, 8 P. M.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COIN CLUB, Pasadena
Huntington-Sheraton Hotel
3rd Wednesday, 8 P. M.

SANTA ANA COIN CLUB
1104 W. 8th St., Santa Ana
3rd Monday, 7:30 P. M.

SOCIETY FOR INTERNATION. NUMISMATISTS
817 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Mon
1st & 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 P. M.

SOUTHERN HUB COIN CLUB
4441 Lennox Blvd., Inglewood
2nd Sunday, 2 PM

TORRANCE COIN CLUB
1316 Border Street, Torrance
3rd Tuesday, 8 P. M.

VANDENBERG AFB NUMIS. SOCIETY
Vandenberg Air Force Base, C

ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLU
336 S. Pomona Ave., Brea
4th Wednesday, 8 P. M.

WEST-VALLEY COIN CLUB
Reseda Women's Club
7901 Lindley, Reseda
4th Sunday, 2 P. M.